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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Klaus Dieter HAMMER, et al.  
Title: MOULDED ARTICLES OF CELLULOSE  
HYDRATE WITH ENZYMATICALLY MODIFIED  
SURFACE  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated October 9, 2001, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for original claims 2, 4, and 5 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

*C1*

2. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cellulase is allowed to act at a pH in the range from 4.0 to 7.5.

*C2*

4. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cellulase is allowed to act at a temperature in the range of 50 to 68°C, for 20 seconds to 40 minutes.